

STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION

A special general meeting of the Students' Association was held in the Students' Common Room on Wednesday, 28th April, to discuss proposed Constitutional amendments and the Association's attitude to the N.U.A.U.S. decision to send an observer to this year's Congress of the International Union of Students in Moscow.

Constitutional Amendments

As the Constitution stood before these amendments were passed it provided for compulsory membership of the Students' Association for all students. This year, however, the number of non-examination students has increased and the College authorities feel that compulsory membership should not be applied to persons in this category. Accordingly the constitutional amendments will have the effect of making membership of the Association compulsory only for examination students, while non-examination students may, if they wish become either full members or Associate members.

Hitherto the Constitution has provided that the fee for Association Membership should be the same as that for full membership. There are, however, a number of Associates who play with the various Sports Clubs but do not benefit in any other way from Association activities. It has been felt that people in this category should not be asked to pay the same fee as full members and the new amendments accordingly provide that the fee for Associates should be half that for full members.

I.U.S. Congress

This subject, which was raised at the Annual General Meeting on April 1st, was placed on the agenda following receipt by the S.R.C. of a petition, signed by fifteen students, asking that it should be discussed. At the meeting a motion was put that the matter should not in fact be further discussed. The reasons given in support of the motion were that nothing could be gained, that Canberra is not an appropriate place for discussion of this subject and that the Association is not yet affiliated with N.U.A.U.S. This motion was carried by 14 votes to 9.

N.U.A.U.S. President

The President of N.U.A.U.S., Mr. Ian Nicholson of the University of Melbourne, who was passing through Canberra on his way back from New Zealand, addressed the meeting on the work of N.U.A.U.S., on the last meeting of the International Students' Conference in Istanbul, and on the I.U.S. His talk was informative and interesting and at its conclusion the meeting passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Nicholson. A report of his talk is contained elsewhere in this issue.

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FIIMS

A film showing will be held in the College Hall on Thursday next, May 6th, at 8.00 p.m. If you have lectures until nine don't worry - you'll still be in time for most of it. Admission charge is a pleasant smile and supper will be provided. Watch notice boards for programme details.

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TENNIS CLUB

The first general meeting of the tennis club was held on Wednesday, 21st April, in the Students' Common Room. Thirteen students attended and the following Committee was elected -

President	-	Duncan Ironmonger
Secretary	-	Wendy Cromer
Treasurer	-	Alf McCarthy

A motion was passed that the Committee should draw up a short, concise constitution, to be interpreted by the Committee. This is to include a clause providing for the admission of associate members on payment of the prescribed fee. It was also moved that the Club should ask Professor Burton to be its patron and it is understood that the Principal has now accepted this office.

The Club will play on Sunday afternoons at the Y.W.C.A. Courts in front of the College and a tournament has been arranged for a future date. This will be progressive, with prizes for individual playing. Watch notice boards for further details.

All students and Associates will be welcome at the Courts.

WENDY CROMER - Secretary

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BASKETBALL

The new Women's Basketball team has played two matches and shows signs of proving to be an "A" grade team. The uniforms look particularly attractive - a yellow tunic with blue blouse and black cord.

The team has joined the A.C.T. Women's Basketball Association in which approximately thirty teams participate. Later in the year the team hopes to represent the college in inter-varsity matches in Sydney or Melbourne.

NOEL LAVATER - Captain

BEVERLEY RENFREE - Vice-Captain

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EDITORIAL

In the course of his speech at the 25th Annual Commencement Ceremony, held at the College on Thursday, March 25th, 1954, His Excellency the Governor-General included in his remarks the following comments on part-time students.

"I congratulate also today's graduates. I do so especially because, as part-time students, most of you have pursued your studies in the leisure left after the day's work.... Your degrees have cost you perhaps more than ordinary effort. You have missed the undoubted benefits of a full-time residential university course, but you have made up for that by the extra determination and self-discipline that has been needed. Even your fees many of you have paid yourselves, which is not usual with students - and not always easy."

This is indeed high praise from a high personage. And such praise is rare. All too often part-time students come to be regarded as rather a low form of life; as people who are interested only in being able to write B.A. or B. Com. after their names; as people who attend universities not for the intrinsic value which the subjects they study can give them but merely as a means of helping themselves to promotion in their business careers.

"Determination and self-discipline" is indeed required of the part-time student. If he is to jump the examination hurdles without stumbling, he must give up most of the pleasures for which he would normally use his precious leisure hours. The new novel must remain on the shelf, unread, until November is over; most of the attractive movies must remain unseen; there can be no favourite radio programmes because the part-time student does not have time to listen regularly.

And if the part-time student is married, then a word of commendation must be said for his wife. Every woman, spending most of her days alone in her home, wants to talk to her husband at night; she wants him to take her out occasionally; she wants him, now and then, to relieve her for a while of the burden of the children. And though the part-time student can do these things occasionally, he cannot do them as often as other husbands.

Words such as the Governor-General's can well be read with pride by Canberra students, the great majority of whom are doing their courses part-time. Recognition of their difficulties and acknowledgement of their achievements does not come often - let it be treasured when it does.

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N.U.A.U.S.

Report of Address by Mr. Ian Nicholson, President of N.U.A.U.S., to the Special General Meeting of the Students' Association.

N.U.A.U.S. Activities

The Union is hoping to extend its travel and exchange scheme with New Zealand. If they can get fifty students each from Australia and New Zealand, and this should not be difficult, they intend to charter a plane to provide transport. This means that the return fares will then be £47 as opposed to the normal airfare of £85 or £57 by sea.

The interstate debating convention will be held this year in Perth. In addition the Union has arranged for a tour of Australia by two New Zealand debaters who will visit each University and also attend the debates in Perth. It may be possible to arrange for them to visit Canberra during their stay in Australia.

Union activities in the international field cover a wide range. It is hoped to hold a South East Asian conference in the near future and Australia and New Zealand intend to publish a South East Asian news bulletin, following a request made at the fourth International Students' Conference. The scheme whereby Australian graduates undertake employment in Indonesia is working well and graduates who have been there for some time are well satisfied with it. World Student Relief has now become part of the International World University Service and the Union plays a major part in this Organisation throughout Australia.

Other matters to which the Union is giving attention are health schemes, national service training, the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme and scholarships for aborigines. The Union is also interested in the proposal for an over-all plan for development of Universities throughout Australia and will continue to make submissions to the Vice-Chancellors Committee on this subject.

International Union of Students

Mr. Nicholson gave the meeting a good deal of background information on this organisation and the manner in which it is regarded both by other countries and our own national union. It is still true that the I.U.S. Secretariat consists of communist trained men who completely control the actual workings of I.U.S., but there has been some change in that it is now possible at Congress for observers from the West to meet and converse with students from the Iron Curtain countries. It is noteworthy too that a recent strong criticism of I.U.S. by the President of the English National Union was printed, quite accurately, in an I.U.S. Publication.

N.U.A.U.S. is not alone in its decision to send an observer to the I.U.S. Congress. England is not only doing this but has decided to accept associate membership if satisfactory terms can be arranged. Canada is also prepared to negotiate with I.U.S. on certain terms while Scotland, though it does not want to deal with I.U.S. itself, is working around to an approach to national unions of students in countries behind the Iron Curtain. In this connection it is of interest that the British National Union has in the past arranged for a student exchange scheme with Russia and at present is negotiating another such scheme.

N.U.A.U.S. is prepared to spend £15 out of a budget of £3,000 to send an observer to the Moscow Congress. By contract it is prepared to spend £98 on becoming a member of the International Students Conference and much more on sending delegates to that conference. N.U.A.U.S. expects to receive a grant from an American Travel Foundation, some of which may be used for the Moscow

project, but prior claims on these funds include sending delegates to the International Students' Conference, paying for an Asian student to visit Australia, and the visit of an Australian student to Asian areas.

Mr. Nicholson pointed out that whether or not N.U.A.U.S. sends an observer to Moscow the Australian Student Labour Federation will do so. This Organisation has an Australian working at I.U.S. headquarters and its delegates have, in the past, grossly misrepresented conditions in Australia.

International Students Conference

Mr. Nicholson was one of the Australian delegates to the last Conference, held in Istanbul last January. The Organisation was established by a group of Western national unions and its aim is to deal with practical matters of direct student interest and to refrain from getting itself involved in international politics. Australia has been represented at this conference since its inception and has played quite a valuable part, although not a part which brings to itself any great practical benefit. At the fourth conference there were no delegates from the Iron Curtain Countries although I.U.S. did send an observer, the first time it has recognised the existence of the Conference.

The Conference discussed such matters as the information bulletin which is published by its co-ordinating secretariat, student health, especially in relation to the Gold Coast, where the World University Service has been requested to make a health survey in conjunction with the U.N. Health Organisation, hostel accommodation, and international students identity cards, which will, it is hoped, make conditions easier for students travelling abroad.

On his return journey to Australia Mr. Nicholson visited several Asian countries and established contact with student organisations. He found conditions in Pakistan poor in the extreme, while in Ceylon, on the contrary, students are very well provided for by a paternal government. In Malaya lack of academic freedom has caused frustration among students but, internally at least, this situation is improving. In Indonesia the proportion of University students is very low and conditions generally leave a good deal to be desired, though considerable progress is being made.

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Would Mr. P.F. Morris, Mr. G.C. Shannon and Mr. Mitchell please call at the Book Exchange to collect monies due to them.

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 Despite its Wealth
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 that it Can't Talk Real Beautifully.
 - the Educ? Dep? has Failed
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 - Hon. Members of this House
 would like to Live for 800 Years.
 - there is no such thing as Sin
 - This House would prefer to
 Travel with its Back to the Engi
 - The time is ripe for an anti-
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 - This House prefers Tweedledum
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